Crisis in Doordarshan

*120. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan is facing crisis in terms of funds, professional personnel and modern equipment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of promotional avenues and other factors, there is an exodus of talent from the Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take for checking the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) There is no crisis of funds, professional personnel and modern equipments. However, a Committee has been constituted to study the working of Prasar Bharati and make appropriate recommendations to improve the quality of service, credibility and professionalism of Prasar Bharati.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARED QUESTIONS

India's Stand on Agriculture under the WTO

532. SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Union (EU) has been pushing India to adopt a common position and strategy on Agriculture during negotiations under the Millennium round of the World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, what common strategy has been outlined by the EU; and

(c) the result of the discussions, so far, indicating the specific points at issue?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Foreign Direct Investment

533. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved 58 proposals for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth Rs. 1541 Crores;

(b) if so, the details of these proposals; and

(c) what are the details of the FDI proposals approved during 1998 and 1999 and the real investment made against these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, A total No. of 58 proposals envisaging Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth Rs. 1541.016 crore have been approved on the recommendations of FIPB in its meeting held on 25.10.1999. Details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Sir, During January, 1998 to December, 1998, inflow of Rs. 13,339.84 crore has been received against total FDI approved amounting to Rs. 30,813.50 crore. Further, during January, 1999 to July, 1999, inflow of Rs. 8767.90 crore has been received against total FDI approved amounting to Rs. 17,032.74 crore. Details are incorporated, from time to time, in Monthly SIA newsletters brought out by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, which are widely circulated including the Library of the House.